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United States Senate

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Mr. Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I write to call your attention to ongoing negotiations between the U.S. Coast Guard and the County of Riverside, California, in regards to access to radio spectrum in the Southern California region. As you may know, Riverside County would like access to this spectrum, which is currently designated for maritime use, for public safety purposes. The Coast Guard and Riverside County have been discussing whether and how this might be accomplished without interference to maritime uses, and it is my hope that your commission will help facilitate these negotiations in good faith.

As you know, there is a shortage of available spectrum for state and local public safety uses. With negotiations ongoing, I only ask that the FCC monitor the discussions and provide assistance to both parties where appropriate.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to being updated on its progress. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Neil Quinter in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-9645.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein United States Senator

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Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C.

November 16, 2010

The Honorable Diane Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter regarding negotiation between the U.S. Coast Guard and the County of Riverside, CA. I appreciate your interest in this important matter and have asked the Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to reply to your letter. Her response is attached.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Chairman Genachowski asked me to respond to your October 1, 2010, letter regarding negotiations between the County of Riverside, California (Riverside) and the United States Coast Guard concerning Riverside's desire to utilize, for public safety purposes, certain radio frequencies currently allocated for maritime use. You asked that the Commission monitor the discussions and provide assistance to both parties where appropriate.

Commission staff is available to discuss any technical or legal obstacles to resolving the matter, as well as to render any other appropriate assistance to the parties. We pay particular attention to licensing matters that implicate public safety, and although the Commission's ex parte rules preclude me from addressing the merits of pending applications that are opposed, we will monitor the situation and keep your office apprised of developments.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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Sincerely,

Ruth Milkman

Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau